

**The Exhortation that a  
Father gave to his Children,  
which he wrot a few dayes  
before his Burning.**

**Being Godly Admonitions, fit for all  
Christians to follow.**



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to his Children.

Ye are the Temples of the Lord,  
for ye are dearly bought,  
And they that use defile the same;  
shall surely come to nought.

Desire not riches in any case,  
build not thy house too high,  
But alwayes have before your eyes  
that ye be hoine to God.

Desire not him that hired is,  
your labour to sustaine,  
But give him alwayes out of hand  
his panny for his paine.

And as you would another man  
against you to proceede,  
Do you the same to them againe,  
when they are hand in need.

Support your portion in the poore,  
in money and in meat,  
Feed the feeble fainting soule  
that which you should eat.



## A Fathers Exhortation

That when your members doe lack meat  
and cloathing to your back,  
You may the better thinke on them  
that doe both lbe and lack.

Take counsell alwayes of the wile,  
give eare unto the end,  
Refuse not thou the sweet rebukes  
of him that is thy friend.

Be alwayes thankfull to the Lord,  
with prayer and with praise,  
Desiring him in all your wayes,  
for to direct your wayes.

And be not like the Stinking Isot,  
whose bodies being fed,  
Consume their time upon the earth,  
from belly unto bed.

Take first, I say, the living Lord,  
have him alwayes before,  
And then be sure that he will bless  
your basket and your store.

to his Children;

that as you have bene heires of that,  
which once shall weare away,  
then so you may possesse the part,  
which never shall decay.

A following of your Fathers steps,  
in truth and eke in love,  
ye may be also heires with him,  
so, evermore above.

Make God alwayes before your eyes,  
with all your whole intent,  
commit no sinne in any wise,  
keepe his Commandement.

Abhorre that arrogant Whore of Rome,  
and all her blasphemies,  
and drinke not of her Decretalls,  
nor yet of her decrees.

Give honour to your Mother Church,  
remember well her paine,  
and recompence her in her age,  
as she like with love againe.

## A Fathers Exhortation

Be alwayes aiding at her hands,  
and let her not decay,  
Remember well your Father all,  
that should haue bene your day.

Giue of your Portion to the poore,  
as riches doe arise,  
And from the needy naked soules  
turne not away your eyes.

For he that both not heare the cry  
of those that stand in need,  
Shall cry himselfe and not be heard,  
when he would hope to speed.

If God hath giuen you encrease,  
and blessed well your store,  
Remember you are put in trust:  
to minister to the poore.

Beware of soule and althp Lush,  
let such things haue no place,  
keepe cleane your vessels in the house,  
that he may you embrace.

to his Children

And thus if you direct your wayes,  
according to this Booke,  
Then shall they say that see your face,  
how like my face doe look.

And when you haue this perfectly  
upon your fingers ends,  
Possessing all within this Booke,  
then giue it to your friends.

And I beseech the Almighty God  
replenish you with grace,  
That I may haue you in the Heavens,  
and see you face to face.

And though the Sword hath cut me off,  
contrary to my kind,  
That I could not enjoy your looks  
according to my mind.

Yet doe I hope that when the Heavens  
shall burst like a scrotle,  
I shall receive you in perfect shape,  
in body and in soule.



## A Fathers Exhortation

And that I may enjoy your love,  
and you enjoy the Land,  
I doe beseech the living Lord  
to hold you in his hand.

Though here my body be aduog'd  
to flaming fire to try,  
My soule I trust will straight ascende,  
to live with God on high.

What though this carkeas smart a while,  
and that this life decay?  
My soule I doe commend to God,  
to live with him for aye.

I know I am sinner borne,  
from the originall,  
And that I doe deserue to dye,  
by our tozefathers all.

But by our Saviours precious blood,  
(which on the Crosse was spilt)  
He freely offered up his life,  
to save our soules from guilt.



to his Children.

I hope redemption I shall haue,  
and all that in him is left,  
When I shall see him face to face,  
to liue among the iust.

Then why should I feare grisly death :  
For he for me did dye,  
For King and Kesar, rich and poore,  
the force of death must try.

When I am chain'd unto the stake,  
and Aggates girt me round,  
Pray to the Lord my soules Guardian,  
he with his gl'ry crowne'd.

Come welcome death the end of teares,  
I am prepar'd to dye ;  
These earthly flames will send my soule  
straight to the Lord on high.

Farewell my Children to the world,  
where you must yet remaine,  
The Lord of Hosts be our defence,  
till we doe meet againe.

## A Fathers Exhortation

Farewell my true and loving Wife,  
my Children, and my Friends;  
I hope to God to see you all  
when all things have their ends.

And if you doe abide in God,  
as you have now begunne,  
Your course I warrant shall be short,  
you have not long to runne.

God grant you so to end your dayes,  
as he shall thinke it best,  
That I may have you in the Heavens,  
where I doe hope to rest.



Thus

to his Children.



**T**hus bath my falling & faltering tongue  
endeavour'd to discourse unto you of  
those Vertues which will lead you unto  
happinesse : You have heard those sermons  
and severall Documents which I have gi-  
ven you but 'tis not enough to heare them :  
'tis not you audience only that I crave, 'tis  
your obedience that I require : so; as it is  
with the body of man to eat much, and not  
to keepe it, argues a good appetite ; but a

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had digestion: So it is said of the other part  
of man, to heare onely and not to keepe it  
shewes quick care, which is little or no-  
thing worth without retention. Therefore  
these my Fatherly Admonitions, if you my  
Chilozen shall observe and duly receive as  
I hope you will, I shall be happy in giving  
these Instructions, and you more happy in  
receiving them, for you shall find that the  
prosperating of these fore-mentioned Wret-  
ches, and the abolishing the former four 2<sup>d</sup>  
Vices, shall be comfortable unto you here,  
and procure eternall glory for you hereaf-  
ter. I will end my Legacie with my life,  
and both life and Legacie with a blessing:  
The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
bless you all in this life, and make you all  
heirs of that blessednes of the life to come.  
Amen.

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Mr. Dolly Girdler I wish  
you well with all my heart  
*[Signature]*



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